

My name is Georgi Page and I am an performing artist with several years of commercial experience. I also have a background in journalism and have written for several papers in the US and abroad.

I have done several voice-overs and a regional commercial for television.

I believe the FCC should define local programming and not leave it up to market forces - because clearly the market's best interest contradicts the public's interest.

The FCC should define local programming as programming produced locally. In addition, a certain a percentage of programming decisions should ideally be made at a local level.

There should be a good mix of local content & programming : news/public affairs, entertainment AND local music.

Station participation should not count as programming. It is not programming, it is sponsorship advertising. But it should still be encouraged in some way. It should just not substitute for programming.

I don't know enough about this to discuss very intelligently, but it would seem obvious that a diversity of programming would be discouraged & limited by 'payola'. I'm against it and FOR limiting it as much as possible. Broadcasting should be about the music, quality should not be watered down and people's intelligence insulted so that DJs can slack at their jobs and record companies can force feed crappy music to the public.

The FCC should monitor voice-tracking and try to discourage it in some way. An 'out-sourced' voice talent is obviously not in the public interest because they are not speaking to that local population.

National playlists discourage diversity and competition and encourage conglomeration. The FCC should require stations to give local stations more authority in selection of music.

Yes, I would like to see more LPFM stations, and I would like to see a process whereby those stations are groomed and mentored to get greater bandwidth. I think LPFM stations benefit the community by being 'close to the ground', encouraging a new generation of broadcasters, and bringing local issues to the fore. The connection to the community also makes people feel that their interests are being represented - and, in fact it is more accessible to the local community - like a kiosk.

Thank you for addressing this issue with a public proceeding. More open, local stations and regulations are of vital importance to the perpetuation & nurturing of democracy.

best regards, Georgi Page